

Property, Construction and Planning - *A brief guide to Library Resources*



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The Kenrick Library provides access to the resources you will need to consult during your course. You will find a wide range of books and journals, as well as group and individual study areas, internet access, photocopiers and many other services and facilities to aid you with your studies.

This leaflet provides a brief introduction to the resources available. If you need any assistance on using the library please contact the Enquiry Desk by:

- visiting the desk on level 2 of the library,
- phoning **0121 331 5289**,
- e-mailing **kenrick.library.enquiry.desk@bcu.ac.uk**, or
- completing the “**Ask The Library**” form available from the Library Web Page (<http://library.bcu.ac.uk>)

If you would like an in-depth library tutorial please contact Phil Stant (phil.stant@bcu.ac.uk, **0121 202 4605**) or Keith Brisland (keith.brisland@bcu.ac.uk, **0121 331 5627**).

The “**Library Skills for PCP**” course is available on Moodle at www.moodle.bcu.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=28

Textbooks

The list below will help you identify where books and other material on specific subjects are located in the Kenrick Library. Use the library catalogue to help you find specific titles.

Administration, Public	350
Bills of Quantities	692.5
Birmingham: Housing	307.336092424
: Local History	942.496
: Planning	711.40942496
Building	690

Building Design	721
Building Law	343.4207869
Building Maintenance	690.24
Building Materials	691
Building Science	690
Building Services	696, 697
Building Surveying	692
CDM	658.1552
Civil engineering	624
Claims, Construction	343.4207689, 692.5
Company Law	346.4207
Compulsory purchase	343.420252
Conservation: Building	720.288
: Coastal	711.42
: Land	333.72
: Law	344.42094, 346.42045
Construction Law	343.4207869
Construction Technology	692
Contracts	692.8
Contract Law	346.4202
Conveyancing	346.420438
Costing	692.5
Ecology, Human	304.2
Economics	330
Employment Law	344.4201
Environmental Assessment	333.714, 304.28
Environmental Law	344.42046
Estimating	692.5
Facilities management	658.2
Fees	692.5
Financial accounting	657
Financial management	658.15
Foundations	690.11
Garden cities	711.58
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	711.0285
Government: central	351
: local	352.14
Greening the environment: Economics	333.72
: Planning	711.4
Heating and Ventilating	697

Housing: Administration	353.55
: Architecture	728
: Management	363.5
Housing Associations	334.1
Insurance	368
JCT	692.8
Land law	346.42043
Land surveying	526.9
Land use	333.7
Leisure planning	711.558
Management	658
National parks	719.32
Negligence	346.42032
New Towns	711.4
Noise: legal aspects	344.4204638
Out of town shopping	711.552
Partnering	338.73
Partnership law	346.420682
Planning: theory	307.12, 711
: law	346.42045
Pollution	363.7, 628.5
Pollution: legal aspects	344.4204632
Prices	692.5
Project Management	658.404
Property taxation	336.22
Public finance	336
Quantity Surveying	692.5
Rating law	343.42054
Recreation	306.48
Redevelopment: housing	307.76
Refurbishment	690.24, 720.286
Regeneration, Urban	711.4, 307.34
Regional: economics	338.9
: planning	711.3
Research Methodology	001.42
Roofing	695
Rural planning	307.72
Set-off: Construction claims	343.4207869
Sewerage	696.13
Soil mechanics	624.1513

Structural engineering	690.2
Surveying	526.9
Sustainable development	333.715
Taxation	336.2
Tendering	692.5
Torts	346.4203
Urban: economics	330.91732
: planning/sociology	307.76
: renewal	307.34, 711.59
Valuation	333.332

E-Books

A growing number of key texts are available as E-Books. There are no limits to the number of students who can use an e-book at one time, so no waiting; they are easily searched and you can make notes and bookmark them for future reference. E-Books can be accessed on or off campus via the MyiLibrary database on the A-Z of Electronic Resources section of the library web page or directly from the library catalogue (For information about access see **Usernames and Passwords**).

Journals

Journals and magazines are available in either printed or electronic formats (and sometimes both). **Printed** journals are shelved on level 2 in alphabetical order within broad subject areas (e.g. PCP). Lists of the printed journals to which the library subscribes in each subject area are available on Level 2.

Full text **electronic** journals can be accessed from the library webpage (<http://library.bcu.ac.uk>) via;

- the Library Catalogue,
- the **A-Z Full Text Journals** page, or
- via one of the databases available on the **A-Z Electronic Resources**. For details of full-text journal databases, such as **ABI/Inform Global, Infotrac & SwetsWise**, see below.

Electronic Resources

The following databases can be accessed via the **A-Z Electronic Resources** page on the **Library Webpage** (<http://library.bcu.ac.uk>)

- **ABI/Inform Global** - Full text journal articles database including extensive coverage on advertising, marketing, economics, human resources, finance, taxation, and computers.
- **BLISS (The Building Law Information Subscriber Service)** (part of the **JUSTIS** service) - legal and technical information relevant to the construction industry.
- **British Humanities Index** - indexes humanities journals and weekly magazines, as well as quality UK and USA newspapers.
- **British Standards Online** - includes the full-text of British, European and international Standards;
- **Construction Information Service** - provides information, regulations, legislation, standards, and guidance material (including BRE publications).
- **Design and Applied Arts Index** - summaries of design & craft journal articles.
- **Ends Report** - Document archive of environmental policy consultation papers, legislation, guidance and other material.
- **Estates Gazette Interactive (EGi)** - UK online news, research and information service for the commercial property market.
- **ICONDA** - contains summaries (and some full text) of journal articles on building, construction etc
- **Index to Theses** - covers theses accepted for higher degrees by the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland.
- **InfoTrac** - full text access to 400 journals, covering a wide range of subjects.
- **MyLibrary**—(see *E-Books* above)
- **Nexis UK** - full text of regional, national and international newspapers
- **RICS Red Book online** - RICS Red Book, Surveyors' Construction Handbook, Guidance Notes, Information Papers and Practice Statements plus case law database.

- **Social Sciences Citation Index** (part of **Web of Science**) - contains bibliographic citations of articles in the social sciences
- **SwetsWise** - articles from over 600 journals in various subject areas.
- **Westlaw** includes legal journals, statutes, a case locator service and law reports

Username and Passwords

The majority of the electronic resources described above require use of an Athens Username and Password to gain off-campus access. A leaflet is available at the Library Enquiry Desk giving further information. The leaflet is also available at <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/athens.pdf>.

Property, Construction and Planning Subject Pages

There are many sites on the Internet that provide good sources of information. You will find links to many of these on the **Property, Construction and Planning** Subject pages on the Library Web Page (<http://library.bcu.ac.uk>).